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Carol Moffatt Stanhope Citizen of the Year

When Stanhope Township announced its Citizen of the Year at the annual township dinner last week, the only person who seemed surprised was the recipient: Carol Moffatt.

In handing out the annual award, Reeve Eleanor Harrison jokingly asked for patience as she touched on many of the projects with which Moffatt has been associated.

"The list of accomplishments for this year's Citizen of the Year is quite long, and possibly the award is overdue," she said.

In accepting the award Moffatt told audience members to make a note of the date.

"Mark your calendars, my friends, because this may be the only time I don't know what to say," she said.

"There are a lot of great people who have done a lot of great things for this township and I'm proud to be counted among them," she said.



Stanhope Citizen of the Year Carol Moffatt, right, is congratulated by Reeve Eleanor Harrison.



Several classes from Archie Stouffer Elementary School toured Rachel's Bakery in Minden last week. Pastry chef Marian Markowski showed the youngsters how all the equipment in the bakery works and gave them the opportunity to assist with the making of gingerbread houses. The youngsters seen here with Markowski are from Brenda Brouwers' and Cathy Rogers' Grade 2 class.

Like many Haliburtonians, Moffatt's roots in the county are as a cottager. Her grandparents built a cottage on Beech Lake in the 1950s; her parents built their retirement home on the same spot five years ago.

Moffatt, 35, has only been a permanent resident for nine years, but in those nine years she's made an indelible mark on the Township of Stanhope and an impression within the county.

Moffatt's most notable accomplishment is the founding of the Stanhope Museum. Her passion for Stanhope history developed while researching and writing a special supplement for the township's 125th Anniversary in 1991.

"I discovered that the township had all these fantastic original records and I simply couldn't believe it. I was hooked," she says.

That writing assignment became a hobby of sorting through and organizing the old records. That led to a proposal to council to properly store the old records, which eventually led to the moving of the township's first council chambers and the development of a community museum, the grand opening of which was held in 1998.

"Carol and her Board of Directors moved forward through dedication, hard work and sheer willpower to the grand opening of our museum," said Harrison.

"Without her persistence to move mountains, and sometimes council, Stanhope citizens would not have the museum," she added.

Although local history and the museum are Moffatt's passion, she has always found time to help other groups.

She sat on the Recreation Committee for four years, co-chairing the now-defunct Stanhope Fun Day for two. She's been producing a quarterly newsletter for the Haliburton Highlands Learning Program for eight years, and a bi-annual bulletin for the

Stanhope Waste Management Committee for four.

"You know that cute little one-pager you get in the mail with the dump hours on it? I do that," she says.

Moffatt is an unabashed fire truck chaser and, married to Toronto and Stanhope firefighter Tony Aymong, has proven a staunch supporter of the department.

"I believe in, and will always support, our firefighters. After eight years of watching these guys in the middle of the night, my hat goes off to them," she says.

Moffatt was part of a group of "fire wives" who put together a fund raising fire department cookbook in 1994. She's a familiar sight at emergency scenes, often putting her camera aside to help "the fire ladies" hand out refreshments to weary firefighters. She keeps the Stanhope Fire Department well recognized in local news and provides freelance coverage for the Toronto Star.

She is currently a regular contribu-

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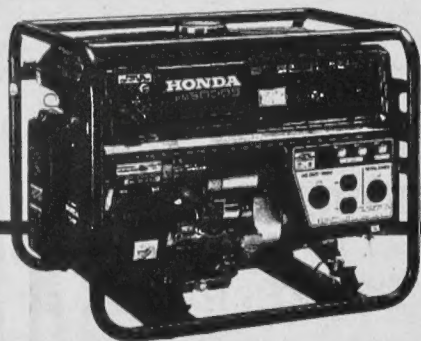
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Celebrating with the Hodgsons

Family, friends and supporters of Haliburton, Victoria, Brock MPP Chris Hodgson and his wife Marie gathered at the Wigamog Inn on December 4 for the Hodgsons' annual Christmas Tea and Social. Chris, Marie and their daughters Charlotte and Caroline are seen here in front of the fireplace at Wigamog. The two other members of the Hodgson family, sons Clayton and Cody, managed to convince their parents that their hockey playing skills were more valuable to their respective teams than their presence at the social event.



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Haliburton County Fair in need of volunteers

Thoughts of fall fairs are likely far removed from most people's minds. But for one group of people, planning for the annual late summer festival is just about to begin.

"The annual Haliburton County Fall Fair is something which takes a great deal of organization," president Geoff Robinson said recently. "We are just about to begin planning for next year's fair."

The Haliburton County Fair is one of the oldest in the province and certainly the oldest in the area. It has been operating for 135 years and was originally organized by the Minden, Stanhope, Lutterworth, Anson and Hindon Agri-

cultural Society. The name was consolidated in the mid 1930's to the Minden Agricultural Society, however the fair retained the name, Haliburton County Fall fair and serve the interests of residents through the county.

According to Geoff Robinson, the society's board of directors is looking for members. "We are always looking for people with fresh ideas to make the annual fair more exciting and interesting," Robinson said. He noted that many of the directors take on responsibility for a portion of the fair, usually in an area where they have a interest. "These are the key people...the ones who make it happen," Robinson said.

"We are looking for directors from all corners of the county," Robinson said. "The society also welcomes associate directors." Associates help share the burden and are important assistants in the days leading up to the fair.

The annual meeting of the Minden Agricultural Society is scheduled for January 29. At that time a new board of directors will be elected. Anyone interested in being a part of the annual Haliburton County Fair is invited to contact the secretary, May Minto at 286-2270 or president Geoff Robinson at 457-2880. An ad announcing the annual meeting will appear in this newspaper in January.



TAKE A BOW: The audience was impressed with the first Christmas concert held by the Highland Wind Symphony at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. The group is led by conductor Lorie Reddering.

Symphonic Christmas

Christmas arrived on melodic wings Monday evening as the Highland Wind Symphony presented its first annual Christmas Concert.

The community concert band took advantage of the new Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion theatre at the High School to showcase a delightful evening of seasonal songs.

The 40 piece band was under the direction of Lorie Reddering.

The evening also featured a performance by the members of the Highlands Brass Quintet.

Bruce Harris, manager of the Highland Wind Symphony welcomed the audience to the concert and thanked everyone for their support. He had particular praise for the efforts of conductor Lorie Reddering, who he pointed out, was still leading the band,

even though she was due to have her baby within two weeks. In appreciation for her dedication, she was presented with several bouquets of flowers, one from Harris and a second from the members of the band.

Reddering said the musicians were a fun group with which to work and expressed their appreciation for the support of Harris in sponsoring the musical group.

Special mention was also made of Sarah Oakley, who had designed a logo for the band. She was presented with a plaque and prize to mark her contribution.

Before the evening ended, the audience was invited to join the band in several rousing choruses of Christmas favourites.

OPP say Y2K A-OK

by Staff Sergeant Bob Walli, Haliburton Highlands OPP

The Ontario Provincial Police General Headquarters has been working on the Y2K issue since 1997. The main focus has been to ensure that communications will still operate in the event that there is a disruption of service. To date all systems are now Y2K compatible and back-ups are in place.

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3. All staff annual leave has been cancelled December 30 to January 21.

4. OPP have met with other emergency services, and township representatives in the County, to ensure that all emergency plans work in partnership.

Even though Y2K may prove to be a non event, it is important that residents use common sense in the event of an emergency. Situations such as extreme weather conditions can cause power outages. Residents are advised to always have such items as; extra canned food, blankets, bottled water, and candles on hand for such events.

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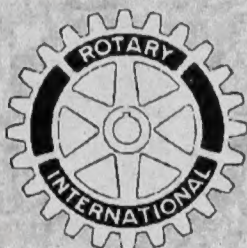
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Macklem returned as Warden for third term

For the third term in a row, Laxton, Digby and Longford Reeve John Macklem has been elected Warden for Victoria County.

"I have had the honour again," said Macklem, who already has many plans for the impending year in office.

Macklem feels that there are several issues that the Victoria County Council must tackle in the future, the main items being the downloading of ambulance service, from the province to the county and the restructuring of municipal boundaries. As well, county council will have to contend with some internal changes, with their committee structure being changed. "My first objective is

to implement the change in our committee structure," said Macklem. County council will move from having eight committees that oversee county business, to three: community service; finance; and development. Macklem feels that his own business experience is an asset to the council. "It's familiar territory," said Macklem.

Throughout the term, Macklem feels there should also be priority given to marketing and promotion of Victoria County. "We have tremendous communities, but we have to sell them," he said, with the hopes that increased exposure of Victoria County will lead to an increase in the local economy.



IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING: The Minden Lions are sharing the wealth again this season, as they have donated \$500 and \$500 in food to the Minden Food Banks Christmas hamper campaign. Lions President Scott Moore, handed over the generous cheque to Barb Walford-Davis and Mary Hicks.

Stanhope volunteer's outstanding efforts recognized

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tor to a magazine called the Fire Services Journal, in which a close look at many of her published photographs in the magazine reveals familiar faces from the Stanhope Fire Department.

When SFD celebrated its 25th anniversary in 1998, Moffatt sat on the committee that designed the celebration, contributing computer graphics and signs, and combing (and photocopying) the printed history of the county for a display of Stanhope Fire Department in the news.

"Well, it was sort of self-serving. Now we have the history of the fire department if we want to do a museum display," she said, with a laugh.

Moffatt was a member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce in 1993-1994. In 1996, even before the Stanhope Museum had opened its doors, she received an award from the Ontario Heritage Foundation for her work in preserving community history.

Through the museum work, Moffatt became involved with the Bioregionalism Program of Trent University, providing students access to Stanhope history for their theses. From that connection she now sits on the Board of Management of U-LINKS, a community-based research program that provides a range of research topics to Trent students.

With local history in her blood, Moffatt didn't hesitate to help a group

of citizens rally to preserve St. Stephen's Church. A Town Hall Meeting in 1998 raised awareness and volunteers, and after many meetings - some held in her own home, Moffatt is one of the directors of the recently incorporated, not-for-profit "Friends of St. Stephen's Heritage Church (Boshkung)".

"The Anglican diocese wrote to us that if we incorporated, they'd sell us the church for one dollar. We've done that and we've just sent off a letter asking them to come to the table for discussions," she said.

She is working toward her Certificate in Museum Studies through the Ontario Museum Association, and recently completed a 40-page applica-

tion to the Canada Millennium Partnership Program for a \$150,000 grant to rebuild the Hawk Lake Log Chute and improve its surrounding landscape.

"Knowing (Carol) as I do, I wouldn't want to be a member of the federal government should they not look favourably on that application," said Reeve Harrison.

Asked why she continues to work about 30 hours a week as a volunteer, she immediately says, "I'm not sure; it's certainly the most expensive job I've ever had...."

However, she quickly adds that she's very fortunate to have the time to contribute, "...and I love it. You don't do it for the award, but it's nice to be recognized."

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Ron Buchanan, on behalf of the Minden Area Police Support Association (MAPSA), approached the council of Anson, Hindon and Minden to ask for a donation of \$100. Buchanan explained that the Association experienced some unexpected expenses regarding the performances by the OPP Golden Helmets precision motorcycle team in Minden last summer. The scheduled performance on the Friday evening had to be postponed because of rain, so the Golden Helmets stayed an extra day. The added cost put a strain on the MAPSA budget.

The association is planning some fund-raising events, but needs some seed money to have tickets printed and pay other expenses. Buchanan said he has already approached Snowdon and Lutterworth councils and received \$100 donations from each. He asked that AH&M match the donations of the other municipalities. Local service clubs have also been supportive.

He pointed out that the association provides valuable services for the community, including traffic control during such events as parades, the Terry Fox Run, the Sled Dog Derby, TimberSport Festival and others.

"I'm looking for just enough to get them out of the red," Buchanan said.

Councillor Grant Plooard noted that Anson, Hindon and Minden is already very supportive of MAPSA by providing the satellite policing building in Minden and having a second telephone line installed. he was quick to point out that he was in favour of AH&M donating to the cause.

"I think they deserve it," Plooard said.

Councillor Daryl Moore also voiced his approval for the requested funding.

"We probably get the most benefit from the association," he said.

Council passed a resolution authorizing a donation of \$200.



Victims remembered

Monday December 6 marked the tenth anniversary of the Montreal Massacre, an event not soon forgotten even in Haliburton. A candlelight vigil was held in downtown Haliburton Village. A candle and a rose for each of the victims killed at Ecole Polytechnique was placed in memory, and words, songs and emotions expressed at the gathering which attracted about forty people.

Kinmount: Christmas Hamlet

The Christmas fever has struck Kinmount this year, as the hamlet is being transformed into what is being called "Ontario's only Christmas Hamlet".

This Christmas season, Kinmount will be decorated with thousands of Christmas lights, evergreen boughs, tinsels, garlands and Pointsettias. Not to mention the beautifully lit

Kinmount Christmas tree.

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A step toward a healthier community

The vision is perhaps a little hazy for the moment, but the possibilities for the Community Health Centre planned for the renovated wing of Hyland Crest are broad and full of promise. Two weeks ago, the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board of Directors gave approval to the development of the service. The Community Health Centre concept reflects a dream which emerged years ago in the Planning and Development Committee studies. Since then the need for such a service has been shown any number of times. The approval granted by the HHHS board moves it one step closer to reality.

A Community Health Centre combines a number of elements creating a focus of health in the service area. It can be much more than a place where people go for primary care. As a focus for wellness, a Community Health

Centre can create and promote programs which meet the needs of the community it serves. Several broad sectors have already been suggested based on the demographics of the area. A focus on health related services for the elderly was the first to come to mind. With more than double the provincial average of seniors in the area, there is a need for services which address this population group. Likewise, the area falls well below the provincial average income. Many studies have linked lower income with increased health risk and have also indicated ways in which an active Community Health Clinic can help reduce those risks.

As a centre for wellness, a Community Health Centre is expected to do more than just wait for people to come through the door. A Community

Health Centre is a pro-active organization, encouraging a healthy lifestyle among its residents. It takes an active interest in the health of youngest, the welfare of the eldest and promotes good health for all those in between.

Over the next few months, the vision of the Community Health Centre will become clearer and the services offered better defined. Community input is being invited and indeed, encouraged. Watch for details and be prepared to help the evolution of this bold new venture in health care service in the Highlands.

jb

(The author of this editorial is a member of HHHS board of governors and closely involved in the development of the Community Health Centre concept for the Hyland Crest site.)

A noteworthy finale for the baby grand

Editor:

After ten years of music and enjoyment, the Haliburton Highland Concert Series organizers have made the decision to sell their baby grand piano purchased through the generosity of many Highlanders.

With the Northern Lights Performing

Arts Pavilion now in operation, the series will be able to use the facility, along with the Yamaha Grand Piano, which was purchased earlier this year. The concert series committee has decided, after much deliberation, to sell the Samik Baby Grand. The money received from the sale of the piano will be put in a reserve fund to

provide financial stability for the concert series, when the need arises.

A fund raising effort by the Haliburton Concert Series was initiated in 1989 to purchase the piano at a cost of over \$9000. When the call went out to Haliburton County residents to purchase one key of the piano, with great enthusiasm a sum of \$7775 was raised. As well, \$3500 was received from the Ministry of Culture and Communications.

In the past ten years, the piano has delighted many people at the concert series, local recitals, seniors' sing alongs, children's festivals, royal conservatory exams, Legion meetings and many more functions.

The members of the Concert Series committee — Ted Carson, Joan Stinson, Howard Smith, Eleanor Cooper, Kathleen Owens, Cathy Boake, Lourene Scott, Marion Hare, Linda Hodgins and Jeanne Anthon wish to thank everyone who worked on raising the funds, and the Haliburton Legion which has allowed us to keep the piano in their hall.

Members of the Haliburton County Concert Series Committee.

Bravo for hunting editorial

Editor:

Hooray for the November 8 editorial "Tis the season to be hunting."

The writer's celebration of the fall hunting season is a tribute to thousands of Ontario residents who go hunting to express their communion with nature and to bring delicious and nutritious game meat home to their tables.

Throughout history, anglers, trappers, and hunters have been the stewards of our natural resources. Hunters were the first to ask for laws to protect wildlife. Hunters are the people who volunteer their time and donate thousands of

dollars to natural resource enhancement and protection efforts that benefit all wildlife.

Hunting could well be the single most misunderstood activity in Canada, and the tribute to hunters is a refreshing break from dull-witted stereotypes used all too often by the public and the media to malign this important heritage activity.

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The mad rush to restructuring

The following open letter was sent to the Warden and members of Victoria County Council

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is time for another letter regarding the mad, unthinking rush to come up with a county restructuring plan.

For all too long, I seemed to be a voice in the wilderness and have hesitated to continue any form of opposition to the seemingly inevitable. Now, however, in the November 3 issue of *Lindsay This Week*, I was delighted to note that two, obviously thoughtful individuals, messrs. Doug Houghton of Lindsay and Doug Hindson of Bobcaygeon, have submitted letters to the editor in opposition to this amalgamation farce.

We, in Victoria County have been through this process twice in the past. We have been bombarded with that old mantra "Economies of Scale: — with no comprehensive proof as to such economies. We have learned of the results in regions and the restructured County of Oxford. Nowhere has a comprehensive analysis shown that there was an overall reduction in operating costs. In fact, the results were quite the opposite due

to: (1) unionization of all employees; (2) escalation of councillors' stipends due to the cry "It's now a full time job"; (3) productivity loss due to centralized work depots and the resultant time required to drive to the job site. The list could go on.

As a friend of two individuals, a member of Niagara Region Council for years and the other on Durham Region Council, I was privileged to hear first hand, each summer, all the horror stories of the previous 12 months. Those of you with good memories will recall that Niagara Region actually submitted a request to be disbanded and returned to the previous status. Does this sound like the act of satisfied people?

Mr. Hindson hits the nail on the head with his statement that various studies state, "Never has any amalgamation saved anything." Back when Victoria County opted to have its first restructuring study conducted by Ted Sims of Totten, Sims, Hubicki, I accumulated a box full of analyses of the results of such amalgamations in England and the USA and none of them showed there had been cost savings.

What is behind this rash of restructuring talks going on at present? We are not told the truth. During the last election campaign, I recall reading in local papers and in the *Toronto Star*, quotes attributed to four or five candidates campaigning for election or re-election (and this includes the dis-honourable

(more on page 8)

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Is the world going Quackers?

Wanna know my least favourite cliché making the rounds these days? It's a one-word expression: inappropriate. It's a designation the Holier Than Thous amongst us can use to brand anything they don't personally approve of.

A Hollywood movie can be 'inappropriate'.

So can an attitude, the shortness of your skirt or the length of your hair. What a prissy, Pecksniffian declaration that is!

Cowardly, too. Recently I watched as a high school basketball coach whistled a stoppage in practice and called a noisy, foul-mouthed student off the court.

Looking down his nose (actually, up his nose — the kid was really tall) the teacher priggishly announced "Walter, I find your language inappropriate." He could have just said "Stop swearing". Ah well, all part of the Political Correctness Crusade that continues to wash over us.

I'd call it a return to the Victorian Age, except that would be doing Victorians a disservice. Recent tortured manifestations of Political Correctness make Queen Victoria look like the proprietress of a bawdy house. In California, a painting of a nude was recently removed from a public building at the University of Berkeley.

Detractors had complained that the portrait "exploits and objectifies women". It was a print of Goya's *The Naked Maja* — a painting that has been

considered a priceless classic for the past two centuries. Oh well. At least they didn't try to paint a bra and panties on her.

George Washington should be so lucky. You're familiar with that famous painting of Washington by the artist Emanuel Leutz — the one that shows the Father of The Nation standing gallantly at the prow of a rowboat while his soldiers ferry him to shore? The painting is called "Washington Crossing the Delaware" and it's been a fixture in American mythology almost as long as the US has been around.

Alas, thanks to the author's lubriciousness, the painting's days are numbered. Last August, a School District in Columbus, Georgia recalled 2,300 fifth-grade textbooks. Reason? Well, the text books contained a photograph of the illustrious painting and some sharp-eyed reviewer on the school board noticed that if you squint your eyes almost shut and use your imagination, the pocket watch innocently dangling against Washington's left thigh might be misconstrued by a fifth-grader's eyes as the Founding Father's penis. So the books were recalled and school district flunkies spent two weeks assiduously airbrushing the suggestive timepiece out of the picture.

We had an example closer to home this month — in our capital, as a matter of fact. The directors of the Federal Agriculture Museum in Ottawa came down with an interesting variation of Mad Cow disease. They an-

nounced that the giving of feminine names to cows in the museum had been deemed 'inappropriate' and would henceforth be banned. The reasoning — if it can be called that — was that if a cow named, say, Bessie, was being displayed to a school class on a trip to the museum and there happened to be a little girl in the class named Bessie, well, she might be...embarrassed and humiliated. Particularly if the cow in question happened to be, as a blushing spokesman for the museum put it "doing certain bodily functions."

Hell, you know how depraved cows can be. Hence the banning of feminine names for cows. Once the decision was made public, the outcry was so loud the Museum officials hastily changed their minds and rescinded the ban. Pity. I was dying to know what names they would have deemed appropriate. Lance the Cow perhaps? Spike? Theodore?

Even cartoons are not immune to the 'inappropriate' virus. A recent Disney production featured Donald and Daisy Duck doing a little white-water rafting. Half-way through the cartoon, their raft upsets and Donald and Daisy are thrown into the river. And that's where the standard board of Walt Disney Enterprises halted the production. They called the animators before them and demanded to know why the characters weren't wearing regulation life jackets.

One of the animators, Robert Gannaway, waited for several seconds and replied in a meek and plaintive little voice: Because...they're ducks?

Etcetera

Arthur Black

Pack of prevaricators

(from page 7)

Mr. Gilchirst, late Minister of Municipal Affairs), all of which read, "There will be no forced amalgamations!"

We are currently being governed by the worst pack of prevaricators ever to walk the halls of Queens Park. For the past four years, slowly, insidiously and surely, all the legislative changes were put through, buried in "omnibus bills" at times, to facilitate one major, long-term objective — the formation of a series of single-tier county governments. Even the standards that a township road had to meet before it could be assumed as a county road, were removed from existing legislation — thus paving the way for the eventual take-over of the entire road system. The powers of control over waste management, water and sewage have been given to the county, etc.

Now, just what are the province's intentions? What do you think will be the decision of this all-powerful dictator (called a commissioner) to whom both Emily Township and Lindsay have appealed? Any decisions to date, to my knowledge have been for a single tier county government. I am very curious about Emily Township. It has been in the forefront of all three of our County restructuring processes. Why? Anyhow, after all the counties have been restructured, what next? I give you one guess!

Why then, are we surrounded by these studies? I am sure I can't be the only one to ask a municipal reeve this question. I am also sure we get the same answers: 1) We have no choice; and 2) There is a loaded gun pointing at us. Finally, Queen's Park has come out in the open (the Tories have a fresh five year mandate) and have notified all the counties to "Submit a proposal for restructuring to us by the end of the year or we will do it for you." I am reminded of that old Indian remark, "White Man speaks with forked tongue." We can update this now by substituting Tory Politician for white man. And by the way, I voted for our local MPP the last election. We all live and hopefully learn.

Finally congratulations to those members of Victoria County Council who recently voted "No". You have refused to buy a pig in a poke. You have refused to be led blindly down the path. More importantly, you can look your ratepayers in the eye as you have retained your integrity.

Now where do you go from here with a clear conscience? When the commissioner's decision comes down for a single tier government, you can refuse to accept it. Resign — and I mean, hopefully, all of you. The province would then have to appoint an administrator. Chaos! Confusion! Reports in the newspapers! Hopefully, this action would encourage others to do the same. If it were to happen, democracy will prevail and the status quo remain. Queen's Park can not govern the Province of Ontario alone.

Sounds great doesn't it? Go for it!

F.V. Le Craw,
Norland.

No charges laid in bus accident

The following report was compiled from information provided by the Victoria County OPP.

As a result of the investigation of a school bus accident on Hilton's Point road in Laxton Township on November 16, the OPP will not be pressing any charges. Although there had been discussion regarding the steering mechanism on the school bus, OPP mechanical inspectors reviewed the information found there was not sufficient evidence to warrant charges. The driver and students were not seriously injured in the crash.

Stolen vehicle in Coboconk

While on general patrol November 27 evening in Coboconk, officers observed a vehicle operating in an erratic manner. The vehicle was followed to a parking lot off of Main Street. The two males that were in the vehicle left the scene prior to officers speaking to them. The vehicle was checked on police computers and found to be stolen from Durham Region. The investigation is continuing.

Festive RIDE begins in Victoria County

On November 29 Victoria County OPP joined other police services across the province, for the start of the 1999-2000 Festive RIDE initiative.

Victoria County OPP and the Central Region RIDE unit members will be diligently performing numerous RIDE stops and patrols within Victoria County targeting impaired drivers.

Since Thursday November 25, four impaired drivers have been charged, nine 12 hour suspensions have been issued, one open liquor charge laid and two drug related charges have been processed in Victoria County. Please take care and drink responsibly.

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Sports

Help Minor Hockey

A pancake breakfast and skating party will be held December 19 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Minden Arena in support of Minden Minor Hockey

Atom A Monarchs down Mariposa and Millbrook

by Andy Lennox

Minden 5, Mariposa 1

The Atom OMHA Monarchs hosted Mariposa for a rematch of the Grafton tournament "A" final On December 4. Zac and Jordan Joanu ("The Bash Brothers") got things going early with some heavy hits in the Mariposa zone. Zac Joanu then quickly picked up an errant puck and let go with a quick wrist shot, and Travis Walker tapped in the rebound from the slot.

Dave Muir stopped a Mariposa breakaway, making a nice helmet save, to preserve the Minden lead.

Aaron Keaney increased the Minden lead to two goals when he drained a snap shot low to the stick side soon after the face-off. Mike Lennox made some nice saves in the Minden goal late in the second period before Mariposa narrowed the gap to one with only 19 seconds left in the period. Travis Walker got that goal back 12 seconds later with a 25-foot wrist shot that hand-cuffed the opposing netminder.

Kody Smith added some insurance in the third period when he tapped in a Keaney pass from behind the net. Sherri Walker finished off the scoring when she picked the corner with a low slap shot from the slot.

Zac Joanu recorded three assists in the game and the defense corps of Gavin Hicks, Justin McKelvey, Jon Petch and Matt Clements smothered the Mariposa attack all game.

Minden 5, Millbrook 0

The Monarchs traveled to Millbrook on December 6 and took command early. They dominated the play from the opening faceoff, but could not score until midway through the second period when Zac Joanu let fly with a high, hard wrist shot from the left wing which cleanly beat the netminder to the far side.

That goal stood until three minutes into the third period, and then the floodgates opened. Keaney cruised in all the way from center ice to score on a solo effort, and he scored again three minutes later. Zac Joanu scored his second goal of the game with another rocket wrist shot that rolled over the goaltender's glove and in. Cody Mills closed out the scoring, with assists going to Keaney and Adam Googh.

Lennox and Muir faced a light workload to record their third shutout of the season and lowered their season long goals-against average to 1.67.

Determination earns Novice A Monarchs a tie

The true character of a hockey team shows through when it is battling to overcome a deficit. The Minden Novice OMHA Monarchs showed their true colours when they played host to Omeme on Saturday, December 4.

The visiting Omeme squad scored the only goal of the first period and added two more in quick succession in the second period. Facing a 3-0 deficit, the Monarchs didn't give up. They rose to the challenge and just over a minute after Omeme scored its third goal, Matt Eno notched one for the Minden team. Davis Reynolds set up Minden's first goal.

The score remained at 3-1 until late in the third period. With 2:17 left in the game, Brady Hicks picked the corner on a solo effort and it was a one-goal game. With just over a minute remaining, Eno scored his second of the game and Minden had salvaged a tie. Ryan Kerr and Colin Callaghan assisted on the equalizer.

Neither team was able to break the tie in the final minute so it ended at 3-3.



FIRST DRAW WINNERS: Jack Taylor, Carla Fountain, Charles Hadley and Elizabeth Wright (left to right) were the first draw winners of the Minden Seniors' Club Grey Cup Bonspiel.

Grey Cup Bonspiel a big hit

- submitted by Donna Neely -

The Minden Seniors' Curling Club held a Grey Cup Bonspiel on November 28. The event featured a "football game on ice." A football was taped to a slider and goal posts were set up at the end next to the club room. The "football" players tried to throw the football between the goal posts.

The cheerleaders included Joan Davies, Donna Neely, Winn Taylor, Dawn Bolland and Marilyn Burrows.

Neil Burrows was the big football winner and the prize for Mr. and Mrs. Grey Cup was awarded to Donna Neely and Doug McIntosh.

The winning curling teams received steaks.

The first draw winners were skip Jack Taylor, Charles Hadley, Carla Fountain and Elizabeth Wright.

A tie for second place in the first draw was decided when skips Ted Wilkes and Ross Davies each threw one rock. Davies was closest to the button, so his team claimed second place. His rink included David Neely, Marilyn Burrows and Blanch Carr.

Third went to the rink skipped by Wilkes, with Jack Robson, Gayle McConnell and Gladys Marquardt.

The second draw was won

by Dave McKay's team, which included Theresa Carroll, Dan Lowey and Barb Summerfield.

The second place team included skip Dave McAdam, Tom McCarthy, Eric Stearns and Pauline Ploord.

Stan Dutka's team took third place. His rink included Ralph Newton, Jack Sykes and Grant Ploord.

The booby prize winners were skip Keith Fountain, Jean Hadley, Julie Graff and Ron Smith.

Organizers declared that a good time was had by all.

The club extends its appreciation to everyone who helped make the event such a success.



SECOND DRAW WINNERS: Dave McKay, Theresa Carroll, Dan Lowey and Barb Summerfield (l to r) were the second draw winners of the Seniors' Grey Cup Bonspiel.

Get ready, the cross country ski season will soon be here

If November was a dreary grey lady, then December this year must surely be her daughter. Don't panic though! Winter is coming, just have faith. But will you be ready when it comes?

While we all wait for a good blast of winter, there is the problem of staying active in the dark wet days before we turn the corner to winter. It makes sense to stay fit (or get fit) so you're ready for those first outings. The prediction is for a good snowy winter, so let's get ready.

Go for a walk. The trails are ready to go, so get out for a walk. Dress lightly enough so that you're compelled to move briskly.

Remember that skiers walk differently from other people. While you're there looking at the trees and dreaming of snow, look at your feet. See those dead branches just freshly blown down? Pick them up! And that rock over there, why not move it off the trail? It's good strength training! These thoughtful walks prepare you and the trails for early skiing.

Speaking of strength training, recent research shows that some moderate strength or weight training is crucial for the development of endurance in women athletes. Due to

Nordic Notes

by Blake Paton

strength differences in women and men, women benefit far more from strength training than do men. And research now shows that even a little can improve performance in any endurance sport. Given that skiers need lots of upper body strength, why not start doing some exercises today? Get together with a group of friends to make it easier. There's strength in numbers!

Haul your equipment down out of its storage space. Check it out while the weather is still lousy to be sure you're ready.

Then check your bases. Did you clean them before you put your skis away, or did you just leave that grimy klister on them? Begin with a thorough cleaning using a wax remover, then give your bases a fresh coat of glide wax. If you use skate skis, a double hot wax session is all you need to do.

If you use waxless skis, then just make sure those bases are clean. Snow build-up under the foot is no way to start the season, and it's caused by dirty bases. It's no fun trudging around in the snow like a troglodyte when you could be enjoying the glide.

Finally, don't forget to bug your friends to get a ski club membership, and make sure your pass is ready. That way you'll be ready for winter when it comes. Help the ski club increase its membership again this year. The club offers instruction for kids and ski outings for adults (along with some instruction for those who need it). Access to some of the best trails anywhere also comes at an attractive price. Call 457-5177 for a membership form.

OMHA Pee wee hockey

Minden 'Caygeon match-up no goaltenders' duel

Three games in the first part of December have resulted in a single point for the Minden Pee wee OMHA Monarchs. The single point came in Bobcaygeon. It was a goaltender's nightmare, but the offense of both teams put on a memorable show. When the final buzzer sounded, both teams had made it to double digits on the scoreboard and the score was tied at 10-10.

Kolt Smith, Chris Shelly, Cory Simms and Darrin Brown each scored two goals for Minden, with Mark Fisher and Matt Moore adding one apiece. Jeremy Upton, Sean Chapman and Moore contributed three assists each. Brown and David Toye notched two apiece and single helpers went to Smith, Shelly, Andrew Bull, Fisher, Steve Draker Chad Carpenter and Matt Allore.

Millbrook 8, Minden 7

A game in Millbrook on December 2 was also a high scoring one. When it was over, the home team had eked out an 8-7 win.

Millbrook held an 8-5 advantage with four and a half minutes left in the game, but the determined Minden squad notched two goals before the game's end to make it close.

Smith paced the Minden attack with four goals and a pair of assists. Bull scored two goals and helped set up two more. Toye notched one goal. Moore picked up three assists and singles went to Shelly, Allore, Carpenter, Brown, Draker and Chapman.

Woodville 5, Minden 3

Two unanswered first-period goals by the visiting Woodville team proved to be the difference on December 11.

By the end of the second period, the Monarchs had closed the gap to 3-2, but Woodville outscored Minden 2-1 in the third for the 5-3 win.

Smith notched two of the three Minden goals, with Moore adding one. Single assists went to Upton, Bull, Moore and Brown.

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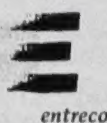
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High single (handicap): Jim Hindle 267; Pat Roussel 263
High triple: Eric Stearns 592; Maxine Cross 486
High triple (handicap): Eric Stearns 739; Ann Baker 671

Monday Night Mixed League (November 29)

High average: Scott Moore 238; Michelle Moore 212
High single: Doug Schell 200; Tracy Cole 188
High single (POA): Craig Philip +52; Cindy Hogg +32
High triple: Al Clement 667; Marlene Bellar 531
High triple (POA): Al Clement +61; Marlene Bellar +51

Monday Night Mixed League (December 6)

High average: Scott Moore 238; Michelle Moore 212
High single: Scott Moore 260; Lisa Besner 238
High single (POA): Al Clement +37; Marlene Bellar +46
High triple: Al Clement 684; Teresa Clement 585
High triple (POA): Bill Hogg +60; Teresa Clement +87

Monday Men's Match Play (November 29)

High average: Len Punt Sr. 223
High single: Len Punt Sr. 302
High triple: Len Punt Sr. 684
Matches
Walt Stegmaier 3, Eric Burk 0
Len Punt Sr. 2, Scott Moore 1
Len Punt Jr. 3, Addie Dykstra 0

Monday Men's Match Play (December 6)

High average: Len Punt Sr. 227
High single: Eric Burk 265
High triple: Scott Moore 761
Len Punt Sr. 3 Walt Stegmaier 0
Eric Burk 3, Addie Dykstra 0
Len Punt Sr. 3, Gord Darby 0
Len Punt Jr. 2-1

Smurf

High average: Bailey Cole 68
High single: Bailey Cole 42
High double: Bailey Cole 77

Peewee

High average: Jesse Walker 100; Hillary Anderson/Karen Prozak 100
High single: Eric Whitty 140; Karen Prozak 68
High double: Jesse Walker 219; Hillary Anderson 185

Bantam

High average: Brad Brown/Jake Walker

Tuesday Afternoon Seniors' League

High average: Bob Bullen 190; Theresa Fox 166
High single: Ron Earle 197; Rose Connbuehan 192
High single (handicap): Dalton Flatt 249; Londa Earle 276
High triple: Bob Bullen 542; Theresa Fox 518
High triple (handicap): Dalton Flatt 699; Hilda Keickoffer 707

Thursday Afternoon Seniors' League

High average: Ray Lymer 198; Janice Hughes/Helen Dentinger 166
High single: Bill Stead 252; Janice Hughes 231
High single (handicap): Harry Bolton

316; Janice Hughes 280

High triple: Fred Knight 652; Helen Dentinger 577
High triple (handicap): Fred Knight 733; Ivy Bolton 746

Thursday Night Mixed League

High average: Walt Stegmaier 232; Michelle Moore 218
High single: Walt Stegmaier 292; Michelle Moore 299
High single (handicap): Scott Moore 263; Debbie Cox 267
High triple: Walt Stegmaier 787; Gloria Wagg 463
High triple (handicap): Kal VonSkiver 711; Debbie Cox 751

Robert Cox rolls 132 in Bantam League

113; Brandy Cole 114

High single: Robert Cox 132; Tori Brown 121

High triple: Jake Walker 387; Sarah Prozak 316

Junior

High average: Brad Mickle 173; Lesley Cox 140
High single: Brad Mickle 222; Lesley Cox 154
High single (handicap): Alan Clement 265; Corinne Hogg 227
High triple: Brad Mickle 656; Lesley Cox 426

High triple (handicap): Alan Clement 729; Corinne Hogg 640

Senior

High average: Matt Reinwald 206; Kelly Berry 169
High single: Scott Philip 233; Kelly Berry 196
High single (handicap): Scott Philip 281; Kelly Berry 222
High triple: Matt Reinwald 603; Kelly Berry 525
High triple (handicap): Dennis Cox 644; Kelly Berry 603



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J.O. Jackson Memorial Bonspiel set for December 29

by Sandy Cole

Last week I told you all how much fun curling is and what a all round great sport it is. Now let me tell you what you need to start out. Curling is a game requiring hand/eye co-ordination, a game of skill (that comes from doing), strategy and luck but above all it is a game of fun.

The only personal equipment required is a pair of curling shoes (or clean runners), a brush and warm, comfortable clothing. The shoes have a special slider on the bottom of one shoe and a soft rubber sole called a gripper on the bottom of the other shoe. You can also use slip-on sliders and grippers that pull on over top of your clean runners. Brushes are either made of synthetic material or of hog or horse-hair.

If the idea of curling this winter is rolling around in your mind you should put your thoughts into action. The second schedule of curling begins the week of January 10. You can contact the club at 286-3311, or Sharon Kernohan at 286-2129 and have yourself put on a team and into the action.

The sign-up sheet is up for the mens annual J.O. Jackson Memorial Bonspiel, which will be held Wednesday, December 29. Be sure to

have your team entered in the last spiel of 1999.

The first schedule playoffs begin December 21. There should be some excellent games going on to give spectators a interesting night out. Don't miss it!



League Scores for November 29 to December 3.

Monday Night Ladies
Melanie Vigrass 10,
Pat Campbell 2
Pat Woodcroft 10,
Zelda Cooper 1
Dianne Whitmarsh 10,
Irene Alexander 6
Sharon Kernohan 7,
M.J. Irwin 2

Tuesday Night Mens

Rob Eaton 11, Jack Woodcroft 2
Jason Scott 9, Dave McAdam 6
Ross Wray 8, Alf Trotter 5
Ted Wilkes 9, Paul Prentice 3
Bill Roodenburg 9, Dwight Thomas 2

Thursday Night Mixed

Ross Davies 10, Howard Scott 1
Jack Woodcroft 7, Dana Kinsman 3
Ted Wilkes 11, Jason Scott 8
Paul Prentice 9, Melanie Vigrass 7
Mike Whitmarsh 9, Cheryl Murdoch 3
Pat Woodcroft 6, Gord Wood 5

Friday Night Mixed

Lawrence Lougheed 7, Mike Whitmarsh 5
Zelda Cooper 15, Cheryl Murdoch 2
Bill Roodenburg 10, Rob Eaton 6

Sunderland, Ops prevail over Minden Tri-County Atoms

- submitted -

Minden hosted an impressive Sunderland team on Saturday, December 4,

Jason Lougheed, Mackie Campbell, Zachary Pierson, Derek Nesbitt and Jake Findeis got clean shots on net in the first few minutes, but the opposing goalie was solid.

Sunderland responded by scoring two unanswered goals in the first.

The visitors dominated the play in the second period, but winger Steve Kerr refused to give up, rushing the net and finding the rebounds. Kelly Muir looked sharp, challenging the opposing forwards.

After the flood, the Minden skaters came out to a 3-0 deficit, but they looked like a different team. Tyler Box passed it up to Jake Findeis on the power play, but the goalie handled the shot.

Steve Kerr's persistence paid off when his shot beat the goalie, putting Minden on the scoreboard. Derek Nesbitt assisted.

Minden goalie Mike Toye was kept busy, making four glove saves near the end of the game.

Jake Ruddy set up Zach Pierson for Minden's second goal, just a minute later. Billy Kulas rode the momentum, but the goalie got a piece of his shot. Minden kept the pressure on as Mackie Campbell let one fly from the point.

Time ran out on Kyle Fry as the buzzer ended the game as he was cruising in on a breakaway. The final score was 6-2 for Sunderland.

Ops 6, Minden 4

The Monarchs traveled to Ops the next day. Derek

Nesbitt opened the scoring in the first with a short-handed goal. Jake Ruddy picked up the assist.

Ops was able to tie it up on the power play, then got the go-ahead goal on a bad bounce as the period ended.

Zach Pierson dug the puck out of the corner in the second and moved it up to Kyle Fry, who nailed the top corner on the breakaway to give Minden its second goal of the game. Stephen Roome worked hard on defence, using his long reach to hold the puck in the Ops end. Jason Lougheed and Tyler Box kept the pressure on with their aggressive play in the corners.

Ops came out in a flurry in the third, going up 6-2 in the first three minutes.

With just three minutes left in the game, Fry passed the puck to Nesbitt, who netted his second of the game.

A minute later, Nesbitt nearly completed the hat trick. Pierson was there to pick up the rebound and score Minden's fourth. Minden ran out of time, however, and had to settle for a 6-4 defeat.

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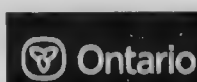
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High single: Ken Thompson 254;
Marie Thompson 207
High single (handicap): John
Whitty 275; Betty Lockhart 267
High triple: Ken Thompson 704;
Marie Thompson 536
High triple (handicap): Vic Ross
762; Betty Lockhart 733

Thursday Afternoon Mixed League
(December 9)

High average: Ken Thompson 223;

Beverley Alexander 172
High single: Jerry Warren 246;
Beverley Alexander 218
High single (handicap): Doug
Burtch 285; Sharon Barnhart 291
High triple: Ken Thompson 645;
Betty Henderson 520
High triple (handicap): Fred
Gregory 675; Betty Henderson 703

Wednesday Afternoon Mixed League
(December 1)

High average: Ken Thompson 236;
Marie Thompson 184
High single: Ken Thompson 323;
Marie Thompson 190
High single (handicap): Bev Hunt
300; Eleanor Bunker 262

High triple: Ken Thompson 814;
Margaret Schepers 535
High triple (handicap): John
Whitty 770; Eleanor Bunker 687

Thursday Afternoon Mixed League
(December 3)

High average: Ken Thompson 259;
Beverley Alexander 238
High single: Ken Thompson 295;
Beverley Alexander 213
High single (handicap): Paul
Cameron 268; Shirley Webb 251
High triple: Doug Burtch 606;
Beverley Alexander 578
High triple (handicap): Paul
Cameron 730; Beverley Alexander
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Turkey shoot winners

The Minden County Bowl 5 Pin Bowlers' Association held its 6th annual Turkey Shoot on December 4. The following bowlers won turkeys for rolling three strikes in a row:

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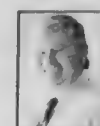
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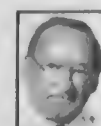
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Ice racers prepared for 25th anniversary season

Tom Prentice, representing the CASC (Canadian Automobile Sports Clubs) Magnum Ice Race Series in Minden attended the Anson, Hindon and Minden council meeting Thursday to assure council that an adequate water supply has been secured for the ice racing track. Prentice told council a "whole new system" is in place to pump water for the track.

Last season, the pump broke down and the ice racers were forced to tap into the municipal water supply to supply water for the track. The increased volume of water that was needed caused some problems for some residents along the nearby section of water line, when sediment was stirred up.

Unless they experience some mechanical difficulties, the race officials will not need to use water from the municipal system.

"If there is a break-down, we'll deal with it at that time," Plooard said.

Prentice told council that the layout of the track has already been staked out. He noted that a member has the track layout recorded on a computer disk, which assures that the track is staked exactly the same each year.

The event is brought to Minden by the Minden Kinsmen Club.

Anniversary celebration

The 2000 Ice Races in Minden will mark the 25th anniversary of the races in the village. Officials of the event are planning an anniversary celebration to show their appreciation to the people who have competed at Minden for the past 25 years.

Prentice asked AH&M council for some financial support for the celebrations, which will include a dinner at the Minden Community Centre.

Like the races, the anniversary party will depend

on the weather. It has been scheduled for February 19 or 26. Prentice explained that if the weather is suitable for racing, the anniversary celebration will be held on February 19. The rain date will be the following weekend. Prentice noted that if it rains on the 19th weekend, the racers won't be coming to Minden, hence the need for an alternate date.

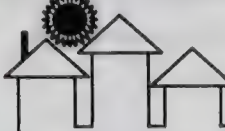
Prentice asked council for some financial support

for the event. He said the club hopes to get enough donations to provide free meals for visiting dignitaries.

Local businesses have been contacted and asked for support for the anniversary celebrations. The ice races bring dozens of people into Minden each weekend, which, in turn, has a positive impact on the local economy.



FESTIVE TUNES: The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School annual Christmas Concert was a great success this year. The Junior, and Senior Bands, the flute choir, swing band and others were treated to a standing ovation at the end of their performance, which included a variety of musical styles, including traditional English, Latin, Swing, Contemporary Disney classics and of course the obligatory Christmas carols. Donations were also raised at the door, for upgrades to instruments and equipment.



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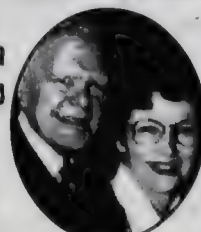
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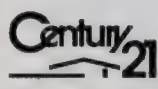
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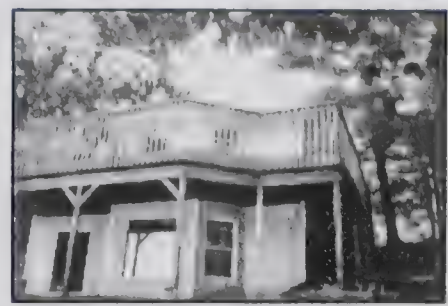
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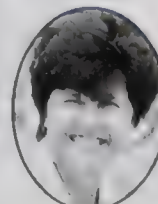
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New Postmaster for Kinmount

Sandy Cole is the new Post Master of the Kinmount Post Office recently. She worked at the Minden office of Canada Post for 12 years. She was one of several people who applied for the position. Cole said the people of Kinmount are friendly and have made her feel welcome. The previous full-time Post Master, Doug Burleigh went to Omeme and Barbara Fountain was the acting Post Master in Kinmount for the past few months. Cole said the people of Kinmount seem to be happy that someone who lives locally (Minden) has taken over the position.

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Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers Cruise Night moving to South Water St.

Tom Prentice, who is a member of the Haliburton Highlands Time Travelers, which is a classic/antique car club, asked for council's permission to base its cruise nights on South Water Street. The club has cruise nights every Thursday during the summer, where members bring their cars to a location either in Minden or Haliburton (they alternate each week). The traditional Minden location has been at Kawartha Dairy. But, since Highway 35 will be under construction during the summer of 2000, an alternate location had to be found.

Prentice suggested that since South Water Street has been resurfaced and widened, it would make a good location for the cruise nights in Minden. He said the cars could be backed in on an angle leaving both lanes of the street open for through traffic.

Council members were receptive to the idea. Councillor Sinc Nesbitt said he thought it was a great idea. Councillor Grant Ploard echoed those sentiments and Reeve Jeanne Anthon added that she didn't think there would be any

problem.

Prentice was asked if there would be any problem if someone was already parked along the stretch from St. Germaine

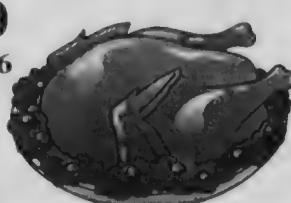
Street, east towards the highway. He said there would be no problem, the club would work around any vehicles that were already there.

The number of participants in the cruise nights varies from 15 or 20 vehicles to as many as 60 or more, Prentice told council.

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Canoe group is on stream

by Ariel White

A group of canoe enthusiasts is charting new waters with the creation of the newly formed Haliburton County Canoe Association. The association hopes to expand and promote canoeing through organization, clearly defined routes, a return to canoe ethics and a focus on those who abuse the canoeing environment.

The Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network held an informal information session in the summer to determine whether there would be enough interest in the community to create such a committee.

The answer was a resounding yes, and already a group has been formed. Representatives from throughout Haliburton County, with some hailing from the Peterborough and Bobcaygeon areas, attended a recent meeting at the Ministry of Natural Resources Building. All showed a passion for the paddle and a preference for pristine conditions in which to enjoy their hobby. Although the committee has no formal ties with the Trails and Tours Program, it is hoped that the two groups will be able to work towards the promotion of the outdoor activity.

"I am happy to see things get this far," said Graham Borgdorff, who organized the meeting. The canoe association is in the process of defining its goals and objectives. Although the group is still in its infancy, several themes of interest have already surfaced.

The group would like to begin working with the many camps and organizations that bring both children and adults into the Highlands. There is concern that these large groups of people have a significant impact on the local environment in terms of waste, garbage and uneducated behaviour. As well, a move towards restoration of portage routes, general maintenance and sanitation is a priority with the group.

Of course, these ambitions require a monetary solution in most cases, and discussion over fund raising is still up in the air. The possibility of a "regatta" or canoe festival is an option that the committee is exploring for the early spring.

The canoe association would welcome anyone in the area with a love of canoeing in the Highlands. The next meeting is scheduled for January 5 at 7 p.m. at the Ministry of Natural Resources Building.



MINDEN'S ANGELS: The First Minden Pathfinders put the finishing touches on the Christmas tree at the Toronto Dominion Bank, preparing for the annual angel tree drive. Tags are left on the tree with boys and girls ages, in this case from 10 to 14. The tags are then taken by volunteers in the community who purchase and giftwrap a toy appropriate to that age. The Pathfinders' trees can be found in both the Toronto Dominion and CIBC Minden bank branches. The tree decorators include, from the left, Meghan Kernohan, Krystal Fortner, Amanda Davis, Sherri Lawrence, TD Manager Joanne Camelon and Pathfinder Leader Georgina Kernohan. Missing are Valerie Muise and Catherine Coles.

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The following report was compiled from information from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police.

Shot in the foot

A Dysart man accidentally shot himself in the foot on November 13, while attempting to shoot at a raccoon. Police were called to a Burkes Road residence to investigate after a complaint was received. John H. Prenger, 32, of Dysart Township was transported to hospital where he was treated and released.

Prenger was charged with careless use of a firearm and breach of undertaking. He appeared in Minden court on November 24.

Youth Charged with Assault

A 13 year-old male has been charged with assault, stemming from an incident on a school bus at Archie Stouffer Elementary School on November 5.

The incident involved two male students ages 13 and 10, who had been involved in a fight on the school bus as it pulled into the school parking lot. After an investigation, the 13 year-old from Anson Township was charged after he allegedly punched the 10 year old in the face. The accused was arrested and released on a promise to appear in Lindsay court on December 7. He was also suspended from school.

Break and enter suspects sought

On November 13, OPP investigated a break and enter at a residence on Concession 13 in Minden Township.

The owner advised that he came home at approximately 9 p.m., when he noticed two vehicles, with teens inside, parked on his property. The owner spoke to the teens, who advised that they were there be-

cause they believed there was a party at that location. The owner advised them that they were at the wrong place. He then had to assist one of the teens who required a boost for his vehicle to start.

The owner then went into the home, to find that it had been broken into. Holes had been punched in the wall and graffiti had been written in various rooms.

The vehicles are described as an older four door Ford Escort style car and a new sporty two door white car. One of the young drivers was six feet in height, about 18 years-old with shoulder length brown hair.

Anyone with any information involving this incident is asked to contact the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the OPP at 286-1431 or CrimeStoppers at 1-800-563-8477.

Impaired driving

Two men were charged with impaired driving in two separate incidents on November 7.

An Oshawa man was charged after the vehicle he was driving failed to negotiate a curve on Bobcaygeon Road and went up onto the sidewalk. Sean Cassells, 24, of Oshawa was charged with Impaired Operation of a Vehicle and having a blood alcohol level above the legal limit.

That same day OPP looked into a two vehicle collision on County Road 45 in Snowdon Township. The driver of a 1998 Hyundai was arrested. Charged with Impaired Operation of a Vehicle and having a blood alcohol level above the legal limit was Walter Roberts, 53 of Mississauga. Roberts will appear in Minden Court on January 5. Neither of the parties required medical attention as a result of the accident.

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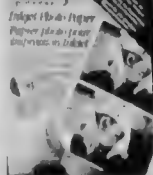
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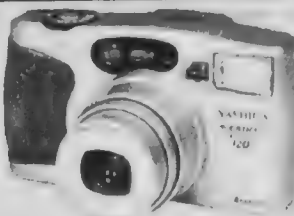
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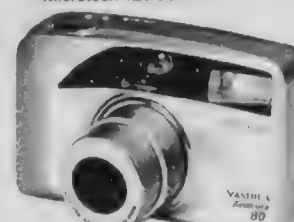
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Minden Women's Institute honours Irene Moore

by Mary Cox, secretary of the Minden Women's Institute

The members of the Minden Women's Institute met at the Library Cultural Centre at noon on December 8 for a pot luck luncheon.

Eight guests were welcomed. We sang the W.I. grace and all enjoyed the delicious casseroles, salads and desserts.

Fifteen members answered the roll with Christmas verses or poems with Christmas greetings.

Mary McMaster, Victoria East president presented Irene Moore with a book entitled, the Centennial History of the Women's Institute of Ontario, which was compiled by the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario. This was given in recognition of her story, A Grandmother's Legacy. Irene was given a round of applause from the members and visitors.

Irene Moore reported sending out 14 cards. Collection for Pennies for Friendship was taken. A special collection for the Christmas baskets was taken, amounting to \$100 which will be sent to the Minden Food Bank which is doing this worthy service.

Nancy Gayton spoke on various items taken from the Women's Institute Magazine, for Home and Country. Pam Rolfe won the door prize. The meeting closed and the next one will be January 14, with all ladies welcome.

WITH OUR THANKS: Long Time Women's Institute member Irene Moore was presented with a book on the history of Women's Institute in celebration of the International Year of the Older Person. Moore has been a member of the Women's Institute for 65 years and the Minden group for 63 years. She has been a strong supporter of the Minden branch, but most importantly, a tireless volunteer in the Minden community. The presentation was made by Mary McMaster, president of the Victoria East District of the Women's Institute.

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ASES gets into the spirit of giving

by Jennifer Goodwin and Sarah Austen of the Archie Stouffer Press Club

This December, the Junior and Senior Kindergartens are trying to show some Christmas spirit by spreading Christmas cheer. For their third family project, the students are filling shoe boxes with non-perishable food. One of the reasons a shoe box was picked as a way of bringing in food, was that the boys and girls had done an earlier project on shoes. The children are decorating the shoe boxes with all kinds of different colours and include a Christmas card that has been hand made. Friday December 3 is the last day that the shoe boxes will be brought in by the Kindergartens.

Filled boxes will go to the Minden Food Drive. The senior and junior kindergartens and their teachers are hoping that their little gifts of love will help make Christmas better for some families this year. Don't forget that donations are welcomed at the Minden Food Drive. You too can give Christmas cheer.

by Tyson Farrell and Angus King

ASES has been hosting volleyball for any students in Grades Seven through Eight interested.

Volleyball takes place Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. It is coached by Grade Seven teachers Mrs. Clark and Mr. Dawson. They thought that students needed to have school based after-school activities so they started volleyball at ASES. Many students have enjoyed playing the game. Mr. Dawson said, "I really enjoy coaching. It is good to see students in a different setting."

The final volleyball teams will consist of 15 boys and 15 girls. The time spent after school is filled in with boy versus girl volleyball games, but most of the time is spent teaching skills to the players.

Around the end of January, a tournament is planned to take place in Victoria County. The tournament will consist of all the teams in Victoria. Although we are not actually in Victoria County, we have been accepted to join in their volleyball tournament.

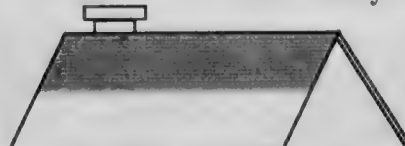
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Ottawa report

by John O'Reilly, MP

Growing funds for Ontario farmers

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Ontario farmers only receive 16 per cent of federal safety net funds, despite supplying 23 per cent of Canada's agricultural production. We are firmly in support of our farmers receiving their fair share.

It has been almost a year and a half (since July of 1988) that the federal Liberal Agriculture Minister first promised to reform the safety net program. This reform hasn't happened yet.

In August, Minister Hardeman put Ottawa on short notice that this delay is unacceptable.

This stance was reiterated in September at the International Plowing match when Premier Harris and Minister Hardeman met face-to-face with Ontario farmers and listened to their concerns. After this meeting, the Premier vowed to continue the fight for what

rightfully belongs to these hard working rural Ontario families.

If Ontario farmers don't get a fair share of crop insurance funding from the federal Liberals, then we may have no choice but to leave the national system, and negotiate a new "Made in Ontario" solution.

Our goal is to ensure that any agreement between the provinces on safety nets recognizes that the size of each province's agricultural industry is the only fair basis for allocating these federal dollars.

The province is allocating an additional \$30 million in new funding for the Agriculture Income Disaster Assistance (AIDA) program. This short-term relief is designed to help farmers and rural families who are most affected by crop failures and low commodity prices through no fault of their own.

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Both the Lochlin and Irondale Landfill Sites in Snowdon Township have been approved as transfer stations for Glamorgan residents to deposit their garbage, including recyclables.

Glamorgan residents **must** show their residents' Landfill Card to be permitted to dump garbage in the designated bins situated at the sites. Please follow the landfill attendant's direction, and the signs, to avoid contravention of MOEE operational guidelines.

Effective December 4, 1999 both municipalities are participating in a joint recycling program at both Snowdon Landfill Sites. Muskoka Container will be supplying two bins at each site.

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Hyland Crest Christmas sale is a jolly success this year

Christmas is almost upon us and we are getting caught up in the festivities just like you. It is the time of the year when we have some wonderful events planned and we fully appreciate all that is done for us. We must tell you about our last few days.

Our tea party on December second was, to quote one of our residents, "A very nice affair."

The Norland UCW was our host and we were pleased to have the members here with us. We especially enjoyed the carol singing at the beginning of the tea. We send our thanks to them for a lovely time.

Also we think it is time to send a thank you to John Burgess and Pat Cook. These two people are always faithfully here every Thursday to help out at our weekly tea party. The following afternoon we welcomed the Coopers to our Happy Hour. What a fun time that was. Two gentlemen played fiddles, one the guitar and a lady pianist. Great time with old time music. Our thanks to them.

We are pleased to announce that our annual Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale held on Saturday December 4, was a great success. It was wonderful to see so many people here. We must thank: the family members who donated such delicious baking; to Donna Black for her scrumptious Christmas pudding served with brown sugar sauce; to the volunteers who worked at the sale that day; and last but not least, our thanks to you, our community for your ongoing support. We raised approximately \$1500. Just terrific.

We must send our congratulations to the following winners: The Minden Barn - to our very own Roy Nicholls; the hooked rug - Don Alston. Other draws taking place at the sale were: Reindeer - Vern and Marlin Gartshore; Afghan - Bernice Gilles; Santa - Mary Bentley. All in all a great day. Our thanks again to everyone.

Reverend Everall was here for our Sunday chapel service. We appreciate his time with us and we are pleased to have our Sunday services back.

Monday evening was much enjoyed. The Salvation Army with its brass band was here. What a lovely time we had and we were pleased with personal visits to each and every one of us. A big thank you to them. Tuesday morning Reverend Wicks joined us for our

morning chapel service.

That afternoon a full bus left here for our annual shopping trip to our local Home Hardware store. Each resident was assisted by a volunteer and the folks at the store are always so helpful.

We look forward to this event very year and before we head back there are always refreshments served. Our thanks to all who made

this trip possible.

Last night was a lot of fun with the music of the Norland Hillbillies. So as you can see we did have some great times this last week, and by checking the calendar we can expect more this holiday season.

Today as we write this we are smelling some delicious aromas coming from our kitchen. Lillian Harrison is with Marg (our volunteer) baking a Pineapple Drizzle Pound Cake. Also Linda is with Edna Scott baking Granny's Hermits. This recipe is one of Edna's. We hope we can sample.

Our tea party is an informal one with Linda and Nancy hosting. We will be joined by Sonya Sedgwick who will be here to entertain us, and we know we will have a good time.

Birthday greetings go out to Maud Coulter who celebrates on December 15th. Enjoy your special day Maud.

We were very pleased to hear that Joan Kernohan is recovering from her recent surgery and is coming along just fine. We miss you Joan and our thoughts are with you.

Before we go we must remind you of the Tree Light-up ceremony to be held here on Tuesday, December 14.

Refreshments will be served in the auditorium prior to the lighting, from 4 to 5 p.m. We hope many of you can join us. Well guess that's it. We seem to have run out of news. Hope you all have a good week and we will talk again.

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NOTICE

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Snowdon Council has approved the following schedule for the municipal landfill sites over the Christmas Holiday period:

<u>Irondale</u>		<u>Lochlin</u>
closed	Sat. Dec. 25th, 1999	closed
closed	Sun. Dec. 26th, 1999	closed
8am - noon	Mon. Dec. 27th, 1999	1pm to 5pm
8am - noon	Wed. Dec. 29th 1999	1pm to 5pm
closed	Sat. January 1st, 2000	closed
noon to 4pm	Sun. January 2nd, 2000	noon to 4pm

The Snowdon Township municipal office will be closed from noon Friday December 24th, 1999 and reopen Tuesday January 4th, 2000 at 9:00 a.m.

On behalf of Snowdon Township Council and staff we wish to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and joyous Holiday Season!

THE CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF LAXTON, DIGBY & LONGFORD

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF the Municipal Act; and

IN THE MATTER OF a proposed by-law of the Corporation of the United Townships of Laxton, Digby & Longford to stop up, close and convey to the adjoining landowner, a portion of the original allowance for road in front of Lot 8, Concession 4, Township of Laxton, County of Victoria.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 300(1)(a) of the Municipality Act, R.S.O. 1990 as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Laxton, Digby & Longford proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers in Norland on January 18, 2000 at the hour of 7:30 p.m., a by-law to stop up and close those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

A portion of the original sixty-six foot allowance for road, along the shore of Rush Lake, lying in front of part of Lot 8, Concession 4, Lot 3, Plan 366, and more particularly described as Part 1, on Plan 57R-8148, deposited in the Registry Office for Victoria County in Lindsay, Ontario.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by said by-law and who applies to be heard.

Dated at the Townships of Laxton, Digby & Longford this 1st day of December, 1999.

Brenda Greer, A.M.C.T.
Clerk Treasurer
Townships of Laxton, Digby & Longford
Box 70,
Norland, Ontario
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ONTARIO GOVERNMENT TENDER

TENDER #50-99-83

Closing Date

January 19, 2000 at 1:30 p.m. Local (North Bay) Time
The **MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION** of Ontario requests tenders for Operational Services (operated equipment, traffic control persons and labour persons) for various locations in the Huntsville area.

Operated Equipment Requirements

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Bidders on a suspended list will have their tenders rejected and returned unopened.



Committee of Adjustment for the Township of Lutterworth

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REAPPLICATION FOR A MINOR VARIANCE

DATE: Thursday, December 23rd, 1999

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Lutterworth Council Chambers - Highway 35, 3 miles south of Minden

FILE: A-9/99

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Relief is requested from Section 4.6.2 c.ii of By-law # 4-81, as amended, to allow a cottage and a garage to extend 30 feet into the required exterior side yard.

SUBJECT LAND: Concession 11, Part Lot 11, Plan 19R-1389, Part 13 located on the southeastern shore of Gull Lake.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: is available to the public for inspection at the Lutterworth Municipal Office during regular office hours.

DATED: this 13th day of December, 1999.

(Ms.) Mary Jane Irwin, A.M.C.T.
Township Of Lutterworth
P.O. Box 850
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0

Around the County Town

by Nora Snyder (call 286-4450)

I have had my pleasurable and productive visit to the Pritchard House. The day I arrived there was my first outing for Christmas shopping so as always it was great to get some of my 'big' gifts bought there. Also, as always, I was thrilled by the gifts offered and the quality of the work. Artists and artisans need people like me who certainly appreciate what they do, knowing I can do none of it.

I take after my mother who was not 'good' with her hands. One option you have when you know that about yourself is to learn to appreciate beauty, natural and man-made. A friend of mine, who is an artist, told me once that everyone is born an artist and they just haven't developed those skills, but I think there are some of us missing those genes!! Another quality needed for making art is patience. I am trying to develop that virtue as I age, but I didn't possess it in the formative years and I couldn't sit for very long to accomplish a task; specially a creative one. Sitting at that 100 inch loom, at Pritchard House, weaving, for instance, is not something I could do. I am envious of those who can!!

There are so many advantages to being able to work with your hands. You're never bored; not that I am bored very often, but I don't have that comforting feeling of making something.

No, I will be your admirer, your customer, and the person who is in awe of your talent, but I will not be your peer!! Artist, artisan, admirer, consumer can all get their needs met at Pritchard House at Christmas time!! It is situated across the corner from the Post Office. The hours are 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday to Saturday, and will be open until December 18.

The Lochlin United Church is holding an Old Fashioned Carol Sing-a-Long on Wednesday evening, December 15 at 7:30 p.m. Hot cider and goodies will be served following the singing. Everyone is welcome to join their voices in song!!

All these Christmas things do need to be done and enjoyed but it really is difficult with this spring-like weather. The shortest day of the year approaches, but the long dark hours do not seem so onerous because of the warm days. Earlier everyone was saying 'It's coming', meaning the snow, but now everyone is beginning to wonder!! A lot of people, like me, are saying they wouldn't mind this weather lasting until April. I know there are a lot of you who don't feel that way and I am sure you will win out in the end!! It is time to welcome all the snowmobilers, the ice-car racers, the skiers, down hill and cross-country, back to the area, but unfortunately not the dog sled teams. Hopefully they will be back in 2001!!

Christmas card messages all carry good wishes for 2000!! I guess it is coming!! For now, here's wishing you a good week in the middle of December. Only three weeks in 1999!! Hard to believe!!

SCORING NEWS

St. Paul's Friendship Club must have had a good turn-out because there were a lot of winners at Euchre Monday afternoon, December 6. Bill Mosley won lone hands. Gala Stamp joined them that day and was 'High Man'!! Helen Lee was high woman. On the other hand, Ellen Holden was 'low man' and Pearl Cowen was low woman. Jack Chilton found the hidden score and Ellen Holden went on to win the 50/50 draw. Just to inform you there will be no cards on December 27 or January 3, at the Friendship Club!!

Gelert had a good night of Euchre last Tuesday evening, December 7. Lorna Hicks was high woman and Betty Curry was low. For the men, Bob Vick was high and Don Hicks was low. Reta Crofts won lone hands and our reporter, Audrey Vick, won the 50/50 draw.

Way back on Thursday evening, December 2, at the Minden Legion, the usual Euchre night was held. Ellie Langpohl and Marg McAfee won most lone hands for the men and women!! Hazel Maxwell was high woman and Pat Scadden was high man. The lows were Maria Tschida and Vivian Anderson. Other prizes were won by Helen Skelding, Norma Lee and Tom Orr. Not many men on this list of winners!!

Then again, at the Legion on Monday evening, December 6, playing Cribbage, Pat Scadden and Ann Baker were the winners. Marg McAfee, Roy McDonald, Marg Alders and Helen Cox won the draws.

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on Tuesday afternoon, December 7, at the Legion, Ann Baker, Len Kroes, Norm Lee and Ruth Kellett were the top scorers. Georgina Parkes won the hidden score. Moonshots were won by Marg McAfee, Ida Young, Len Kroes, Marie Dennie, Iris Taylor and Pat Scadden. If you notice, Marg McAfee is in every list of winners this week from the Legion. She's usually complaining that she has missed the winners circle again but this week she's everywhere!! You must be having a good week Marg!!

Club 35 celebrated a BIG birthday at its Euchre evening last Monday, December 6. It was Hazel Gregory's 92 Birthday!! Everyone wished her well!! What an accomplishment!! When Hazel's husband was alive they had been married for 68 years!! Another accomplishment, especially these days. Best wishes Hazel from us all!! Euchre was also played. Harry Randell won the 50/50 draw and Paul Thompson won lone hands. Jean Randell and Harry Randell won the high woman and man. Hazel Gregory was low woman and Cliff Woolner was low man. Harry Randell won the baloney. It was quite a night for the Randells and Hazel!!

On to the Bridge scores. First, Thursday, December 2, playing Duplicate at Home Support, Ross Fletcher and Muriel McIntosh were first with a whopping 68%!! Norma Crewson and Vic Matthews were second with 60%

followed by Vera Carnochan and Mayme Douglas, third, with 48%.

Muriel McIntosh and Ross Fletcher continued their good form at the Bridge tables by bidding and making a small slam at Stanhope Tuesday, afternoon Contract Bridge, December 7. Marcel Roussel was in third place with 4410 and also went on to win the R.O.W. Award for the day!! Muriel McIntosh was second with 4490 and Betty Roszell came in first with 5110!! W.A.I.N., the Mystery Award, was won by Wayne Beer. I wonder if even Wayne knows what he won!!

They had seven tables for Duplicate Bridge at Parklane on Wednesday afternoon, December 8, and therefore could play with north/south and east/west convention. North/South saw Nick and Maria Lehoczy in first with 63% and Stella McMillan and Ross Davies in second with 57%. East/West saw Jack Cox and Tom Regan in first with 58% and Mike Collins and Marj Peel in second with 56%.

Up at Stanhope on Wednesday evening, December 8, three moonshots were won. The high scorers were Trudy Kroes 247, Gayle McConnell 270, Lottie Ruttan 297, Ken Wallace 327 and Len Kroes 328.

Well, if you have time to fit in some cards this week, good luck to you all!!

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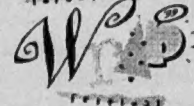
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